Nationalisation of Peerless General Finance and Investment Company Limited

1720. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to nationalise the Peerless General Finance and Investment company Limited; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Reserve Bank of India have issued in May, 1987, Residuary Non-banking Companies (Reserve Bank) Directions, which are applicable to companies like Peerless. These directions, *inter-alia*, provide for the minimum and maximum period for which deposits can be accepted by the companies, the manner in which the funds are to be invested etc. These directions provide for reasonable return on the investment and security to the depositors.

Functions of Asian Finance and Investment Corporation

1721. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the function of the private agency of Asian Development Bank, namely Asian Finance and Investment Corporation;

(b) what activities this Corporation is planning for India; and

(c) whether these activities will be as per the approval of the Government of India?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) Asian Finance and Investment Corporation (AFIC) is an autonomous public limited liability company incorporated in Singapore. AFIC's primary objective is to promote, facilitate, and support the establishment and growth of private enterprises in the developing countries of the Asian and Pacific region.

(b) AFIC is expected to provide a wide range of financial products and services to private enterprises in Asian countries.

(c) Yes Sir.

Investment by Hindustan Zinc Limited during Eighth Plan Period

1722 SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the public sector Hindustan Zinc Limited plans to invest Rs. 1000 crore during the Eighth Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, what will be the source of finance; and

(c) whether this company is planning any value added items; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) and (b) The Eighth Plan Outlay has not been finalised by the Government of India.

(c) Value added items planned by the Company include production of Zinc Aluminium Alloys, GALFAN, partially oxidised Rock-phosphate and development of other non-ferrous alloys.

Production of Cotton and Synthetic Yarn

1723. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the schemes with Government for increasing the production of cotton and synthetic yarn during the next three years; and

(b) whether finance will be made available by the public financial institutions for this purpose?